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Protein-Rich Foods for Soldiers
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has carried out a research regarding production of protein-rich foods for the soldiers posted in border areas;
- (b) if so, the details of the food products developed during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the food production units of DRDO situated in various parts of the country; and
- (d) the measures taken by DRDO for providing protein-rich food to the defence personnel in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) developed various nutritious and protein-rich foods to cater the requirements of Service personnel deployed at high altitude and snow bound areas. The major food products developed by DRDO during last three years and the current year are: Chicken biscuits; Protein rich mutton bar; Composite cereals bars; Egg protein biscuits; Iron and protein rich food bar; Whey Protein based chocolate; Chicken Katti Rolls; Anti-fatigue Tulsi Bar.

(c) There is no food production unit in DRDO. However, after developing these products, production technologies have been transferred to various industries for bulk production.

(d) Development of nutritional food by DRDO for Armed Forces is an ongoing process based on their requirements and latest technological research in the area. Some of them are Processed Food Technologies / Products and Test Kits (Frozen Meat Test and Alfatoxin Detection Kits), etc.
